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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Court System Committee be created to investigate ways to ease the backlog of cases in the court system by utilizing retired judges on a part-time or temporary basis; in its investigation, at a minimum, the Committee shall consider the use of retired judges as both hearing officers and arbitrators; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Committee shall take into account the effect that appointing retired judges to these positions shall have on the retired judges' pensions and shall look for ways in which to minimize the effect on the retired judges' pensions; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Committee shall consist of the following: the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is asked to appoint two members; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Court System Committee shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2005.

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